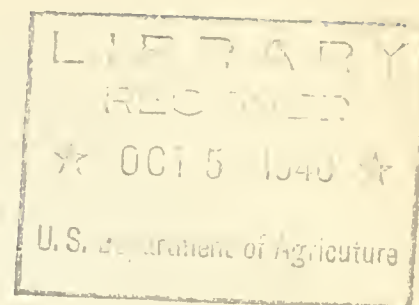


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ALFALFA WEEVIL SCOUTING, 1940

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Scouting for alfalfa weevil during 1940 was limited by closing of the alfalfa weevil laboratory consequent upon completion of the practical aspects of the problem. The work performed, in cooperation with State officials, included (1) scouting along the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way through Kansas and Nebraska and near its eastern terminus in Iowa, as well as in several Nebraska counties that received alfalfa hay from weevil-infested areas of the Great Basin during temporary inoperation of Nebraska's alfalfa weevil quarantine during the winter of 1935; (2) a survey of the Saratoga and Encampment areas of Carbon County, Wyo.

The scouting in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa involved taking 112,100 sweeps in 110 fields located in 28 counties. The results were negative and are presented in table 1.

Table 1.--Detailed data on special scouting for alfalfa weevil in the Midwest from May 19 to 26, 1940

County	Fields swept	Area of all fields swept	Sweeps	Fields infested
	Number	Acres	Number	Number
<u>Kansas:</u> ^{1/}				
Ellis-----	7	69	8,900	0
Ellsworth-----	3	32	2,900	0
Saline-----	7	96	7,050	0
Dickinson-----	3	35	3,400	0
Geary-----	1	5	1,050	0
Riley-----	3	82	3,550	0
Pottawatomie-----	7	55	6,250	0
Shawnee-----	5	52	5,400	0
Wyandotte-----	3	16	4,250	0
Leavenworth-----	2	50	2,500	0
Douglas-----	1	40	1,700	0
Jefferson-----	2	39	2,300	0
Marshall-----	4	46	5,500	0
<u>Iowa:</u>				
Pottawattamie-----	6	42	4,950	0
Harrison-----	4	73	4,150	0
<u>Nebraska:</u> ^{2/}				
Douglas-----	2	62	2,800	0
Lancaster-----	5	100	6,000	0
Saunders-----	2	55	1,600	0
Dodge-----	3	97	2,650	0
Colfax-----	2	22	1,050	0
Platte-----	2	15	1,450	0
Merrick-----	4	152	3,400	0
Valley-----	7	260	5,300	0
Hall-----	2	15	1,700	0
Buffalo-----	6	433	6,100	0
Dawson-----	6	550	6,200	0
Lincoln-----	6	186	5,450	0
Keith-----	5	150	4,550	0

^{1/} L. M. Gates, of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Inspection, cooperated in this work.

^{2/} R. G. Yapp, of the Kansas Entomological Commission, cooperated in this work.

In Carbon County, Wyo., 5,650 sweeps were taken in 11 fields and 4 of these fields were found to be infested. The purpose was to determine whether the alfalfa weevil occurred in rather isolated areas of a county already known to support infestations. The sweeping in the Saratoga area showed a light but general infestation, the alfalfa weevil being taken from 3 of 4 fields swept. Our survey methods showed only 1 field infested of the 7 swept in the Encampment area but intensified sweeping would doubtless reveal a general and very light weevil infestation there also. The results are summarized in table 2.

Table 2.--Summary of scouting for alfalfa weevil in the Saratoga and Encampment areas of Carbon County, Wyo., June 28, 1940

Area	:Fields :swept :Number	:Area of all :fields swept :Acres	:Height of :alfalfa :Inches	: :Sweeps :Number	:Fields :infested :Number
Saratoga----	: 4	: 70	: 12-36	: 2,700	: 3
Encampment--:	: 7	: 63	: 12-30	: 2,950	: 1
	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :
Total-----:	: 11	: 133	: 12-36	: 5,650	: 4
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No reports have been received concerning scouting in other States during 1940.

